

REMARKS

Claims 7, 8 and 10-17 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 7, 8 and 10-17 were rejected.

With this Amendment, claims 7 and 17 were amended. Accordingly, claims 7, 8, 10-17 are at issue in the above-identified application.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Indefiniteness Rejection of Claims

Claims 7, 8, and 10-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Obviousness Rejection of Claims

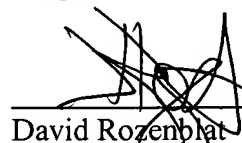
Claims 7, 8, 10-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Gozdz et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,840,087) in view of *Kumeuchi et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,156,080).

Amended claim 7, from which claims 8, 10-16 and 18 depend, recites a method of manufacturing a solid-electrolyte battery comprising forming solid-electrolyte layers on both sides of a positive electrode; forming solid-electrolyte layers on both sides of a negative electrode; laminating said positive electrode and said negative electrode such that one of said solid-electrolyte layers formed on said positive electrode and one of said solid-electrolyte layers formed on said negative electrode face each other; winding said positive electrode and said negative electrode such that another one of said solid-electrolyte layers formed on said positive electrode and another one of said solid-electrolyte layers formed on said negative electrode face each other; and subjecting said wound electrodes to heat treatment at about 70°C for *about 10 minutes so* that said solid-electrolyte layers formed on said positive electrode and said solid-electrolyte layers formed on said negative electrode are integrated with each other into one continuous seamless layer. None of the cited references teach or disclose a method of

manufacturing a solid-electrolyte battery having wounds subjected to heat treatment at about 70°C *for about 10 minutes* so that a solid-electrolyte layers formed on a positive electrode and solid-electrolyte layers formed on a negative electrode are integrated with each other into one continuous seamless layer. As a result, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of these rejections.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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